

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2881**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1929
H.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1929, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS MARKETS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt produce
sold at farmers' markets for human consumption from the general
excise tax.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Farm Lovers Farmers' Market; Hawaii Farmers Union United; and
Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. Your Committee received testimony
in opposition to this measure from the Department of Taxation.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Agriculture and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that by encouraging consumers to buy
produce at their local farmers' market and increasing the profit
margin realized by local farmers, this measure will help increase
the consumption of locally produced food, sustain our agricultural
industry, and improve the State's food security.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.
No. 1929, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and
be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

Clarence K. Nishihara
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 1929 HD2</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/11/14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">M. M. M.</div>				
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